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Applicant : Hugh R. Sharkey et al. Art Unit : 3739
Serial No. : 09/895,609 Examiner : Michael Peffley
Filed : June 29, 2001
Title : SURGICAL INSTRUMENT HAVING DISTAL FACE WITH FIRST AND
SECOND ELECTRODES

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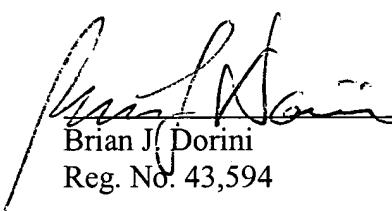
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 15, 2004,
Applicants submit herewith the corrected claims section of the non-compliant amendment that
was originally filed on January 12, 2004.

Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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